

NEIGHBOURS of Stonewall



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THE KNAPPS

Kevin Knapp was born and raised in Stony Mountain. He has lived in town for 38 years and has always had a passion for wanting to give back to his community. He joined the Stony Mountain Rockwood Fire Department approximately 18 years ago. Kristina was born and raised in Winnipeg and moved to Stony Mountain 10 years ago. A couple of years after moving to town Kristina thought it would be a good idea to get more involved in the community to be able to meet new people. To be more involved she ended up joining the Stony Mountain Rockwood Fire Department. The Fire Department was where Kevin and Kristina met.

Kevin and Kristina bought a house together in Stony Mountain in 2016. They lived together as a blended family in their house with their 2 children, Carson, and Emma. Shortly before they decided to rent out their house and move into Kristina's mothers' home also in Stony Mountain to help her with some medical needs Kevin and Kristina found out they were expecting their first child together. Carson is turning 14 this fall. He enjoys being able to ride his bike to school. He loves music and learning to play the piano. Emma just turned 10 and she loves horseback riding and playing the violin. Sophia will be turning 4 this summer. She loves to dance, play outside and is excited to be playing soccer this year for the first time. Together as a family, we enjoy cleaning up our community by going around town picking up garbage to ensure the town keeps its natural beauty. Kevin and Kristina got married in an intimate backyard wedding hosted by good friends and Fire Chief Marcel McIvor and Family, in Stony Mountain, in 2020. Kevin and Kristina had a larger wedding with all their family and friends at Bel Acres Golf and Country Club in 2022. They sold their first home that they had together in 2022 and bought another house in Stony Mountain to be able to maintain giving back to their community by continuing being active members of the Fire Department. Kevin has worked his way up the ranks within the Fire Department and is now a Deputy Chief. Kristina has also worked her way up the ranks within the Fire Department and is now the first ever female Lieutenant Stony Mountain Rockwood Fire Department as ever had. They are both proud to serve their community.

For the last 7 years Kevin has been working for Winnipeg Airport Authorities as a Fire Fighter. Kristina has been a Paramedic for Shared Health and works in the Interlake Health Region for almost 5 years. Stony Mountain has been a wonderful place to raise a family. They've made many friends over the years and have been grateful for always having lovely neighbours and are looking forward to their first summer in their new house.



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May HOME MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

Before you can enjoy lazy days in the yard, there are a few outdoor maintenance tasks you might want to go ahead and tackle. With me? Roll up those sleeves, throw on some sunscreen, pop in your ear buds, and let's get going!

EXTERIOR

✓ Wash away winter's dirt and grime from your windows so you can actually enjoy your beautiful yard as things bloom.

✓ Winter weather can take a toll on hard surfaces. Check for new or widening cracks on your patios and sidewalks, replace damaged pavers, and fire up the pressure washer.

✓ Cold temps can cause wood to warp so check for loose boards and broken gate latches to keep kids and pets where they should be.

OUTDOOR FUN

✓ Long before you fire up the grill, make sure the grills are clean, the connections are secure, and your propane tanks are full.

What backyard activity are you getting ready for this May? Nap in the hammock, game of bocce ball, or cannonball into the pool?

INTERIOR

✓ Don't wait for temps to climb before double-checking that your air-conditioning unit is in good working order. A typical AC service check will cost anywhere from \$75 to \$200—and it's totally worth every penny.

YARD WORK

✓ Just because your lawn is green today doesn't mean it's ready for summer. Your grass needs nutrients, and May is a great time to add fertilizer to keep those weeds at bay all summer long.

✓ Fresh mulch is like a new paint job for your outdoors. Aim to spread mulch 2 to 4 inches across all your beds.



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TOP *Trends* IN REAL ESTATE EVERY HOME SELLER SHOULD KNOW

If you're thinking about selling your home (or just curious about the latest real estate trends), this one's for you!



Virtual staging is on the rise.

Virtual staging takes the hassle and grunt work out of staging – plus, it's a lot more affordable. Agents or sellers take photos of a room (or an entire home) and use software to add 3D design items (like couches, beds, plants, etc.) to give the space a lifelike appearance.



Home presentation and condition are a big deal.

Nervous buyers and high mortgage rates mean your home has got to look its best when hitting the market. Repairs, fresh paint, decluttering, and staging (traditional or virtual) are a must this spring.



Homes may take a few more days to sell.

Compared with a year ago, homes are spending an additional 20 days on the market on average. Your home will sell, alright, but you've got to be patient and have realistic expectations.

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Business OF THE MONTH



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We offer a wide range of products to meet all your landscaping needs, including decorative rocks, stones, and boulders, granite, limestone, sand, mulch, soil, and softscape/hardscape dealer services. We're at 156 4th Street East in Stonewall. 204-467-8906.



Happy Mother's Day



5 tips to help you save money at the grocery store



Real Estate Q&A

What are the important factors to consider when selling?

The two most important factors are price and condition in selling a home. The first step is to price it properly. Then, go through the house to see if there are any cosmetic defects that can be repaired. A third factor is exposure, it is very important that the home gets the best exposure to the largest audience in your homes best light. A picture is worth a thousand words. Slide shows and videos are a must.

What should i do to get my house ready?

The way you live in a home and the way you sell a house are two different things. First and foremost, "declutter" counter tops, walls and rooms. Too many "things" make it difficult for the buyer to see their possessions in your rooms or on your walls. Clean and make attractive all rooms, it's especially important that the bathroom and kitchen are spotless. Make sure the house smells good, hide the kitty litter. The second important thing to consider is "curb appeal". People driving by a property will judge it from outside appearances and make a decision then as to whether or not they want to see inside. Sweep the sidewalk, mow the lawn, weed the garden and clean debris from the yard. Clean the windows (inside & out). Make sure paint is not chipped, also make sure the doorbell works.

4 AMAZING FACTS ABOUT DOGS YOU PROBABLY DIDN'T KNOW

Your dog is as smart as a two-year-old! Ever wonder why children around this age seem to have a special bond with the family dog? It could be because they speak the same language, roughly 250 words, and gestures in fact.



Dogs can be trained to detect cancer and other diseases in humans. Cancerous cells release different metabolic waste products than healthy cells in the human body. Dogs may even be able to sniff out cancer cells simply through smelling a someone's breath.



Your dog can smell your feelings. In fact, your dog's sense of smell is approximately 100,000 times better than yours. So it shouldn't be shocking that they can, in fact, smell things such as fear. When a human is fearful, they perspire, and a dog is easily able to pick up on this change.



Your dog can help get you a date! One study showed that a man's chances of getting a girl's phone number went from 10% to 33%, just by having a dog with them. In the study, a staggering 66% of men and women would not date someone who didn't like pets.

What's Up IN THE COMMUNITY?

MAY 11

The Great Benjamins Circus
4:30pm-7:15pm
Stonewall Veterans Memorial Sports Complex

MAY 12

Brant-Argyle School Spring Tea
1-3pm
Brant-Argyle School - Argyle

MAY 13

Country Girls Market - Mothers Day
Craft Sale - 11am-4pm
Stonewall Curling Club

MAY 14

Mother's Day ❤️

JUNE 4

Family Fun Day
9am-4pm
Woodlands Rec. Club



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* * * Seasonal Allergies SYMPTOMS & CAUSES * * *



Do you notice that you get a cough, runny nose, and itchy eyes at certain times of the year? This may be due to seasonal allergies, which are caused by plants and mold releasing pollen and spores into the air.

What are the signs of seasonal allergies?

Common seasonal allergy signs and symptoms include:

- Itchy, watery or red eyes
- Circles under eyes
- Itchy mouth, nose or throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Drainage from the nose down the back of the throat (postnasal drip)
- Temporary loss of smell
- Headache
- Sneezing
- Dry cough
- Tiredness (due to difficulty sleeping from other symptoms)
- Scratchy or sore throat (rarely)
- Snoring (due to congestion)

To know if you have seasonal allergies, you should see a doctor who can give you an official diagnosis through an allergy test. The most common test is a skin prick test, which involves lightly pricking your skin with allergens and monitoring for reactions. If you experience a raised welt or hive at the site of the scratch, you may be allergic to that allergen. If you're unsure if you have allergies, see a doctor who can assess your symptoms and refer you to an allergist if necessary.



OUR *Property* SHOWCASE



\$599,900



4 Beds



2.5 Baths



2065 sqft

42 Procure Drive - Stonewall



"Stunning Family Home With Modern Elegance"

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\$539,900



5 Beds



3 Baths



1758 sqft

60 Dykstra Road - Balmoral



"Your Dream Home Awaits"

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\$524,900



3 Beds



2 Baths



1425 sqft

3 Kurelek Crescent - Stonewall



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\$499,900



3 Beds



3.5 Baths



1750 sqft

39 Oak Bay - Stonewall



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\$334,900



3 Beds



1 Bath



1177 sqft

447 4th Street West - Stonewall



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\$210,000



2 Beds



1 Bath



710 sqft

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STEP 3



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